

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 AM by President Keough in the ~~Board Room of the Copeland Building~~ Dexter Senior Center at ~~7714~~ 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson
D. Fisher
J. Smith

P. Cousins
J. Semifero
R. Tell

Also attending Village Manager, Donna Dettling; Assistant Village Manager, Courtney Nicholls; and Council Clerk, Carol Jones. County Commissioner, Mark Ouimet arrived at 10:45 AM

C. FACILITIES DISCUSSION

- What are our priorities vs. Goals?
- Understand philosophy of each member as it relates to where to spend reserve dollars.
- Understand budget philosophy, how debt and reserves are used?
- Better understand each Council members philosophy on borrowing \$1.1 million in additional bonds. Do we want to do it, and under what scenario?
- Bridge Restricted, original \$400,000 move remaining amount back into general fund reserves
- Desire to have a list of priorities
 - Mill Creek Park including West Side Connector “First Phase using Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund”
 - Mill Creek Park, Non-motorized path Cemetery to Shield Road “Second Phase”
 - Mill Creek Park Future Phases
 - Village Office
 - Fire Department
 - Unfunded Liability, Health Care and Pension
- General Fund Operating cost for Police and Fire increases that take funds away from being able to pay for priorities or build up reserves
- 100% of current Revenues are spent at some percent less than 100% each year for expenses. This difference helps bolster our reserves. This difference is getting smaller and smaller.
- Better understand our Revenue increases i.e. (Cedars of Dexter, new homes built in subdivisions) which Fiscal Year will we see increase and predict how much.
- Better understand Industrial Facilities Tax Abatements, impact on revenues.
- Update 5-year model to reflect what changes will impact revenue and expenses, predict impact of current economic conditions.
- Step back and do a global view of priorities. Schedule another work session **(2-25-10)** to look at the list of priorities and put them in the order or on a time-line that Council desires to achieve them. The goals established during the goal and objective setting work session should then support the priority time-line.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 11:26 AM

This is a Special Council work session; action will NOT be taken.

“This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan Open Meetings Act”

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: _____